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- Mission: RT is the leading local volunteer organization that in partnership with the community rehabilitates the houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly, disabled and families with children so that they may continue to live in warmth, safety, and independence.
- 250 affiliates that are in every state who perform a variety of services, including the annual event. Nevada's affiliate serves Clark County year-round with services that include a combination of licensed contractor repairs and volunteer activity.
- Last year we served 370 clients and a total of 2,000 in the 15-year life of the organization. **2 Programs**
- Operating budget = \$1,000,000
 - Yearlong emergency repairs include AC/Heating, replace ^{giant} hot water heaters, minor plumbing, minor electrical, install ^{from} grab bars, install ^{from} ramps, repair steps. Using licensed contractors. *Mobility & Standalone homes.*
 - Event Day – last Saturday in April. Major volunteer event that creates team-building opportunities for corporate sponsors through the Adopt-a-Home program. Frequently out-of-town sponsors fund volunteer team to do minor repairs, yard clean-up and exterior painting (this year has 3 USAF teams). This year we have 30-32 homes adopted. *\$1 hour profit (Women's Dev Ctr.)*
- Lite Rehab (cosmetic) limited to volunteers
 - Painting
 - Property cleanup
- Heavy Rehab (\$5,000 limit) requiring a permit and using a licensed contractor includes:
 - Roofing
 - HVAC
 - Electrical
 - Plumbing
 - Structural

Requires 3-4 weekends and 50-100 volunteers

To Qualify:

- Owner occupied with no other party on deed
- Owner must be 60 yrs or older, disabled or family with children
- Owner must have owned and lived in house at least one year — *including mobiles*
- Must be low-income HUD guidelines i.e., \$1,600 per person, \$1,800 for two people.

NO Cost to homeowner.

adm & fundraising = 7.9 %
 staff salaries = 8 %
 project = 81.4 %
 Total = 97.3 %

No waitlist
 Expansion =
 comm. outreach ← clients & donors